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FOLLOWING REPEAT PORT OF SPAIN 1545 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 03 JUN 77

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1545

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) TD, US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TRINIDAD

REF: (A) STATE 128006; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 1462

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1. CHANGE IN DATE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT FROM JUNE 17 TO JUNE 16 IS QUITE ACCEPTABLE TO GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON INFORMS ME THAT, ALTHOUGH TIMES WILL BE WORKED OUT LATER, PROGRAM FOR JUNE 16 WILL REMAIN MUCH AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR JUNE 17, (REF B), AND WILL CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF THREE EVENTS: CALL ON PRESIDENT CLARKE: SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS; FOLLOWED BY INTIMATE WORKING DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

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2. PLANNED LUNCHEON THE NEXT DAY BY PRESIDENT CLARKE IS CANCELLED IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S NEED TO MAKE AN EARLY DEPARTURE. I DID INDICATE THAT IF DR. WILLIAMS FELT IT IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING'S DISCUSSIONS PERHAPS A BREAKFAST MEETING COULD BE WORKED IN. (COMMENT: NEITHER DONALDSON NOR

I FEEL THAT THE BREAKFAST MEETING WILL BE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S AVAILABILITY FOR A FURTHER MEETING ON MORNING OF JUNE 17 WITH GOTT OFFICIALS. THEREFORE, WHILE SOME FLEXIBILITY SHOULD PERHAPS BE RETAINED IN CASE UNEXPECTED NEED ARISES DURING THE JUNE 16 MEETINGS FOR AN EARLY MORNING FOLLOW-UP BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND WILLIAMS, BELIEVE WE CAN ESSENTIALLY PLAN ON AN EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE.)

3. DR. WILLIAMS IS UNAVAILABLE THIS MORNING, BUT FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON STATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH WILLIAMS DOUBLY TO CONFIRM THESE ARRANGEMENTS BY MID-AFTERNOON.

4. GOTT WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND EXPERT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 17.

5. DONALDSON PROPOSED THAT ONE ADDITIONAL SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY (SEE REF C) MIGHT BE THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR LOCALIZATION OF BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES. I NOTED THAT, WHILE WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR OF THE GOTT'S PLANS IN ORDER BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THEIR ACTIONS, I FORESAW NO AREA FOR USG ACTION OR CONCERN IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TOPIC. (COMMENT: LOCALIZATION PROGRAM FOR BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME. LARGER AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES SEEM TO BE PLANNING SENSIBLY FOR THE TRANSITION WHILE SOME SMALLER COMPANIES MAY SELL

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OUT THEIR INTERESTS HERE. OTHER FOREIGN BANKS SUCH BARCLAYS AND ROYAL BANK OF CANADA ARE FAR ALONG ON THEIR LOCALIZATION PROGRAM, BUT U.S. BANKS (CITIBANK AND CHASE MANHATTAN) HAVE THUS FAR RESISTED WHAT IS PROBABLY AN INEVITABLE CHANGE.)

6. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT SOME CONTACT WITH THE PRESS BY THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. NO COMMUNIQUE IS REQUIRED OR EVEN DESIRED BY THE GOTT. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO PROPOSE FOR CONSIDERATION THAT THE SECRETARY MEET BRIEFLY WITH THE PRESS EITHER AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE OR AT THE CHANCERY (OUR PREFERENCE) JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR THE AIRPORT FRIDAY MORNING.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS TRAVELING IN SECRETARY'S PARTY IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BOOK SUFFICIENT HOTEL ROOMS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. FOR THOSE NOT STAYING AT AMBASSADOR'S

RESIDENCE. ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER S/S PLANS TO SET UP OFFICE OPERATIONS, NUMBER OF DESKS REQUIRED, ETC. AND WHETHER S/S PREFERS TO OPERATE FROM HOTEL, CHANCERY, OR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (ALL LOCATIONS ONLY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES APART).

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